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During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. For about three of these reports have been translated and issued by [redacted]

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The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

More Important Reports

(1) On 14 March an airplane of Type PS-7 was sent to a representative of the 8th Air Army. Moreover, a coded message of 9 March reveals that a representative of the Civil Air Fleet was sent to the OB of the 16th Air Army.

(2) Sverdlovsk reported to Moscow that technical literature is necessary for courses for the crews of JU52. Moreover, the dispatch of an engineer is requested for teaching purposes.

(3) A Ukrainian Directorate of the Civil Air Fleet was mentioned. Its location is considered to be in Starobelsk.

(4) The 62nd Guard Flight Regiment of the Civil Air Fleet was mentioned. The Office of the Civil Air Fleet in Tashkent has to send to Moscow for this regiment 5 U-2's with suitable crews. One suspects that the 62nd Guard Flight Regiment is stationed at Moscow. Administratively, the 62nd Guard Flight Regiment is subordinate to the 1st Flight Transport Division according to a message of 15 March from Moscow to Aktyubinsk (compare daily report of 14 February and NAL of 15 February).

(5) The 1st Mixed Flight Squadron in Sochi reported on 11 March a strength of 20 aircraft.

(6) The following message was transmitted to Moscow on 16 March in communications of the Civil Air Fleet:

"To 4th Regiment Grizenko: I request the reference message be sent to the 1848 Field Post Station, Unit 153.

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Alekhin is known to be with the 9th Flight Regiment. (Regiment Zegedin daily reports 23 February, 26 February, and 5 March). It could be concluded from this that the 9th Flight Regiment has this fieldpost number.

(7) In a message of 16 March Aviation Repair Base 400 was mentioned. The location was not clear from the message. It could be assumed that it is located in the area of Novosibirsk.

(8) It is intended to accomodate 400 men at the Leningrad Technical School in Tiflis.

(9) In Stavropol 2600 persons and 350 teams are being mobilized to repair the branch railroad lines Budennovsk-Georgievsk and Batalpashinsk-Nevinnomysskaya.

(10) The Armenian NK for Agriculture sowed 227,143 hectares of summer grain in 1942.

The sowing is divided as follows:

Cereal grains	181478 hectares
Cotton	17000
Tobacco	3152
Sugar beets	2201
Flax	10077
Camomile	536
Sunflowers	1295
Others	425
Annual grasses	1101
Silage	2229
Perennial grasses	2624
Kitchen fruits	1918
Vegetables	427
Field gardens	1569
Potatoes	11912

(11) Tiflis plans the following production in the second quarter:

NK for Forestry:

Total	3433100 Rbl.
including:	
wood cutting for industrial treatment	833100
	2600000
building timber for export	19100 cbm.
timber	55400
cut timber	7700

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NK for the Textile Industry:

Total	16,700,000 Rbl.
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including:

yarn	58 to
cotton thread	130
absorb. cotton	325
cotton	100,000 m.
silk	1,448
wool	405

NK for Light Industry:

Total	1,662,500 Rbl.
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including:

shoes	355,000 pairs
hard leather	430 tons
chrome leather	13,000,000 square decimeters
rubber soles	75 to
drug sundries	900,000 units

Food SupplyTiflis.

(12) The Georgian NK for Trade dried 39 tons of potatoes and vegetables on 1 March.

(13) The Prison Directorate received in the first week of March 100 tons of potatoes from procurement points.

(14) Meat and Dairy Sales requires the procurement of 100 tons of butter to supply the NK0.

(15) The second wine factory reported the following production for the first week of March of the March plan.

1800 hectoliters alcohol
704.5 " 39% brandy

(16) The Office of Grain Procurement gave the following inventory on 10 March:

flour	1720 tons
groats	127
rye	266
wheat	527

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(17) The Flour Combine on 10 March:

flour	1720 tons
groats	112
wheat	2524

(18) The Bakeries:

flour	335 tons
groats	112
wheat	4

Ordzhonikidze (?)

(19) The Office of Grain Procurement places the following deliveries in readiness:

green corn	70 tons
oats	50 tons

(20) The NK for the Agriculture of North Osetia requires the following vegetable sowing:

tomatoes	0.3 tons
cucumbers	2
food carrots	0.4
feed carrots	0.2
red food beets	1.5
red feed beets	5.4
onions	1.2
sharp pepper	0.05
radishes	0.5
radishes (small)	0.4
Baklashany	
(type of tomato)	0.1
parsnip	0.1
beans	5
Kabachki	
(type of pumpkin)	0.1
spinach	0.2 to
food pumpkins	0.45
feed pumpkins	0.55

(21) Transport Supply requires 10 tons of feed grain for grain and timber transport and for transport involving repair work.

Mizura.

(22) The following is required from Moscow for sowing purposes:

tomatoes	0.02 to
cabbage	0.008
gherkins	0.09
onions	0.01
black root	0.01

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red food beets	0.036
red feed beets	0.1
pumpkins	0.015
watermelons	0.006
melons	0.003
potatoes	150
oats	6

Krasnodar.

(23) The following inventories were reported in various Sovkhozos:

Poultry Sovkhoz Lebyashe:

tractors	14
tractor-drivers	1 shift
horses	46
cows	34
chickens	2000
ducks	1300
seed oats	15 tons
seed barley	33 tons
cultivated with winter grain	200 hectares

Grain economy in Urupsk:

work horses	26
horned cattle	68
sheep	32
cultivated with winter wheat	600 hectares

It is possible to cultivate 1700 hectares

including:

wheat	100 hectares
barley	1000
millet	350
sunflowers	100

Sovkhoz "Sarya"

hay threshers	8 units
" " without motors	5
workhorses	55
oxen	34
breeding-sows	66
suckling pigs	270
winter wheat	42 tons
barley	15
summer barley	383

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The sowing-plan amounts to: 2250 hectares

including:	
barley	1200 hectares
oats	200
corn	200
millet	100
sunflowers	100

(24) The yield of 85 hectares of wheat is still not thrashed. There are 230 laborers and office workers on hand. The inhabitants number 1300 persons.

Sovkhoz "Voznesenk":

tractors	21 units
hay threshers	9
including under repair	3
barley seed	2 to
feed grains	300
hay	200
horses	58
oxen	8
large-cattle	14
breeding sows	55
food swine	5
young swine	165
sheep	128
turkey-fowl	257
ducks	367
chickens	415
beehives	142

Dairy Sovkhoz in Armavir:

tractors (under repair)	72 units
hay threshers	16
horses	37
oxen	127
breeding bulls	13
cows	604
young cattle	442
sheep	3942
winter wheat	50 tons
oats	10
barley	359

Cultivated with winter grains 1918 hectares
wheat 88

The sowing-plan amounts to: 1800
including:
barley 1000
oats 200
millet 300
sunflowers 107

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Cattle-breeding economy "Podornyj"

tractors	12 units
hay threshers	5
work horses	71
oxen	76
breeding bulls	1
cows	148
young cattle	154
breeding sows	8
young swine	18

Eriv.n.

(25) The Armenian NK for Agriculture planted in 1942 a total of 247,143 hectares of summer grains.

These consisted of the following:

cereal grains	181,478	ha.
cotton	17,000	
tobacco	3,152	
sugar beets	2,201	
flax	10,077	
camomile	536	
sunflowers	1,295	
others	425	
annual grasses	1,101	
perennial grasses	2,624	
silage grasses	2,229	
kitchen fruits	1,918	
vegetables	427	
field-gardens	1,569	
potatoes	11,912	

TimberTiflis.

(26) The Military-Hospital Directorate procured 219 cubic meters of firewood.

(27) Plant "Kirov" reported that on 12 March there was a supply of 50 cubic meters of firewood on hand.

Coal SupplyTiflis.

(28) The Military-Hospital Directorate procured 55 tons of coal.

(29) Plant "Kirov" reported:

on 11 March consumption of coal	7.3 tons
on 12 Feb. supply of coal	485
" " coke	9.5

Zestafoni.

(30) The "Ferro Plant" is to receive 3,000 tons of coke from the Coke-Chemical Factory in Kemerovo.

(31) The "Ferro Plant" reported to the Chief Directorate for Iron Supply in Moscow:

	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Balance</u>
on 11 March c 're	9 tons	59 tons	on 12 March 371 tons
on 11 March Tkvibu -coal	47 tons	26 tons	on 12 March 2400 tons

Kutais.

(32) The Food Industry had 75 tons of mazut on hand.

(33) Plant "Kirov" reported:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Balance</u>
on 11.3 mazut	1,3 to	3,7 to	--
on 12.3 "	--	--	94 to

(34) NKVD reported:

	<u>Supply on 1 Feb.</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Consumption 1 Feb.</u>	<u>Balance on 1 March</u>
Gasoline	31,96 tons	98,858 tons	81,165 tons	43,653 tons
Ligroin	1,601	30,714	8,117	24,198
Diesel oil	8,857	25,597	10,378	24,076
Petroleum	27,987	37,294	39,392	25,88
Oil	0,22	--	0,22	--
Mazut	5,167	20,694	23,468	2,393
Avtol	5,922	12,474	10,849	7,547
Solidol	1,697	0,33	0,621	1,406

Zestafoni

(35) "Ferro" reported to the Chief Directorate for Iron Supply in Moscow:

on 12 March oil supply 219 tons

(36) For Kafan, Sanisursker Copper Foundry Combine, 5,226 tons of ship's oil were shipped in March.

Transport Situation

(37) The station at Kutais is to receive 40 trucks and 60 open trucks for the transport of the glass-works equipment to Ordzhonikidze, and Station Baku 2, Kirovabad 20 trucks for the return transport of the cannery equipment.

(38) The cannery in Eriwan has available 13 horses for transportation purposes as well as 3 oxen and 5 donkeys.

Contributions

(39) The following contributions were identified:

in Georgia for the defense fund	10,000 rubles
in Armenia for the building of tanks	
and planes	4,551,000 "
for the reconstruction of	
Stalingrad	1,345,000 "

Miscellaneous

(40) In Krasnodar 600 men worked on the reconstruction of the electrical industry.

(41) In Omsk there is an auto-tire factory.

(42) Stavropol reported the following inventory to the NK for Automobiles in Moscow:

2 autobusses	"ZIS 16"
1 autobus	"ZIS 5"
1 "	"ZAS"
3 1 1/2-ton trucks	"ZIS 5"
3 " " " "	"ZIS 21"

There are under repair:

2 autobusses	"ZIS 58"
7 trucks	"ZIS 21"
without tires there are	
1 autobus	"ZIS 5"
2 1 1/2-ton trucks	